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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7.00pm** in the Parish Office.

Present:- Edward Allen (Chairman), David Woodcock, John Seymour (BSC), Tony Faulkner, Alban Donohoe, Neil Thompson (BPC) & John Byfield, Penny Wiles (Public Reps), Victoria Egan (N/T) and Charlie Ward (Advisory).

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – All members were present and the committee welcomed Charlie Ward, whom they had invited to join in an advisory capacity, given his experience and involvement with the Wells Harbour dredging.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *Parish Council Members only*. There were none.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 are signed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation** in relation to any item on the agenda.
 - One person briefly mentioned his email/letter dated 30th November 2015, which was written after the last meeting, but before the minutes were in the public domain. All members were in receipt of this.
5. Members received update and reports on the proposed **DREDGING WORK** and agreed the next steps where appropriate;
 - i) **ACTION - Environmental Impact Assessment** – Victoria Egan; Still happy to write this in order to try and save some money having written one before, but will need lots of detail, including maps and method statements etc. Feels that we should continue to make enquiries which do not cost us money at this moment in time.

The Cley planning permission was mentioned – Charlie confirmed that their permissions and consents would be very different to those needed for Blakeney, given that they are working on a river with different terrain and are looking to remove the dredged material, which is of a different composition, from site.
 - ii) **ACTION - Natural England** (dates) – David Woodcock advised that he had not had the opportunity to do anything with regard this since the last meeting, but will do so.

- iii) **ACTION - Planning Application** – David Woodcock advised that he had not had the opportunity to do anything with regard this since the last meeting, but will make enquiries.
- iv) **Questioning Costs** – to be investigated by David Woodcock & Victoria Egan, they feel that this will flow from the above items.
- v) **Exo Environmental** – Members had read the latest information and noted it for the time being. There were some concerns about going with yet another advisor.
- vi) **General Update** – We do now have the agreed volume of material to be removed, which is 7,000 cubic metres, although we do not know yet how we are going to move it.

ACTION – Victoria will speak to Natural England about the disposal area discussed at the last meeting, (ie; over the very end of The Cut, between the end of The Cut and the Cley Channel, where the marsh is building up naturally in this area).

Charlie Ward:- Very concerned about how much this will cost. Natural England are the key players, but charges (which may be considerable) will be levied by the MMO. Wells used a company called H.R. Wallingford Civil Engineering & Environmental Hydraulics. They were fantastic and came up with a scheme that has required only minimal maintenance in the last 5 years.

My thoughts are that the outfall from the Freshes is causing the problem of siltation in the main channel, opposite the outfall. Additionally the outfall is causing the channel to erode the marsh to the West of the outfall, thereby slowing the ebb flow and causing siltation. I suggest contact with the EA to point out to them that the outfall meeting the ebb flow in the main channel head-on, is causing serious siltation, as well as causing the erosion of the West Bank of the march.

If this could be backed up by a report from a Consulting Engineer, this would strengthen our case. Hopefully EA could then be persuaded to divert the exit of the outfall to the NNW thereby creating a softer angle for the outfall flow to meet the main channel ebb flow. If this could be done, in my opinion this will considerably reduce the amount of future maintenance dredging which will be required.

Narrowing and straightening the channel would really enhance nature doing the maintenance itself, as the water would flow faster and scour. Could we not take from the east and put on the west and create a shallow angle, taking it back to how it was when first built? Really feel that nature should be used to maintain and believe that the marsh

would revegetate quickly. (Charlie was given reports to take away and read.)

Victoria Egan: 2025 sees the new Shoreline Management Plan, which will include The Freshes, but that is 10 years away.

We must talk about the socio economic benefits for Blakeney, it is a powerful argument.

- vii) **Consultation & Questionnaire** – Progress Report, including presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 17th March 2016. David Woodcock, John Seymour and Tony Faulkner have all said that they would be willing to do this as a joint effort.

A draft questionnaire was worked through, and amendments made and agreed. (Clerk to email amended version to members for the approval) which can then be put into circulation as previously discussed.

6. WINTER WORKS ITEMS:-

- i) The annual clear up of the Dinghy Park, went very well, not much to do, but done very quickly.
- ii) 30 Day Notices (now expired) and boat removal – Just one boat to be removed; Rib on trailer which shows reg. C644FYD, this will be removed on Friday 22nd January 2016. One small dinghy to be moved along from the entrance to the Dinghy Park also.

- 7. 2016/17 Budget** – Blakeney Parish Council have agreed a budget of £5,000 for the next financial year to assist with current proposals. Thanks to be expressed to the Parish Council.

- 8. Blakeney Sailing Club** – Correcting reports in the GVN; Agreed that Edward Allen would ensure that the BSC were corrected.

- 9. Other Management Issues** – There were none.

- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – This will be set for sometime after the Annual Parish Meeting and once all of the consultation questionnaires have been collated.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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